

Falls Church Seeks Upset

Wakefield's patched up footballers will be trying for their fifth victory tomorrow afternoon when a weak but unpredictable Falls Church team invades Southside Stadium, but Coach Tank Johnson doesn't consider the Jaguars a set-up.

Last year Wakefield upended Falls Church 13-0, although the youthful Warriors were still restricted to Group Two status at the time. But tomorrow Wakefield will be entertaining a new and improved set of Jaguars.

Wakefield's strength and prestige has soared since the two teams met last year, too, and the Warriors are superior to the Jaguars in a pound-for-pound comparison. But the possibility of an upset calling an abrupt halt to an undefeated status that has everybody talking is something that seems to gnaw at The Tank's inner machinery.

Falls Church's football squad is small and their power isn't great. The Jaguars will probably do some passing and try to shake some of their speedy little backs loose for long yardage and touchdowns. Their chances of spanking Wakefield is brighter because this is the "big game" for the Jaguars. Since Falls Church doesn't schedule the area's two top teams, Washington-Lee and George Washington, Wakefield presents probably the toughest opposition the Jaguars will face all year.

This "big game" is one that Falls Church wants to win more than any other. The Jaguars defeated Annandale and Mount Vernon in earlier contests and knocking off Wakefield would give the Jaguars fourth-place in the seven-team Northern Virginia loop—a great year for Falls Church.

With at least seven ball players nursing minor but annoying injuries, Wakefield is a better bet for an upset this week than at any time so far this year, if the Jaguars have a hot afternoon.

Coach Paul Weber of Falls Church hasn't been talking about an "all-out" passing attack against Wakefield like some of the other underdog teams have. Perhaps that's a bad sign for the Warriors, since Wakefield's pass defense has been outstanding this year.

"If we play like we can play, I think we'll win," commented Tank yesterday. "Edwards (Whitey Edwards, halfback) is ready to go."

Tank's optimistic statement marked the adoption of his sunshiny disposition. Earlier the week Johnson was wearing a cloak of gloom and roaring about the life and times of football coaches. Johnson, who is noted for being temperamental but effective in his campaign to win fame for his Warriors in their first year in the big

leagues seems to be gaining confidence as the time draws near.

Wakefield has spent the entire week working on defensive maneuvers, and the Warriors hope to keep the Falls Church gang completely paralyzed on defense tomorrow.

"I think it will be a good tough ball game," commented Weber last night from the porch of his Falls Church residence.

Since wet grounds usually slow the scoring down in football, the slippery field might have an equalizing effect as the Warriors take off against the underdog Jaguars, and that definitely would not help the Southsiders.

Falls Church has been preparing for this "big one" with Wakefield for a long time. The Jaguars are expected to pounce on any weakness which might favour their cause, and a wet ball and two teams is conducive to a fumbling.

"The boys know they have a tough game and they're anxious to win," stated Weber. The Falls Church skipper considers the two teams about equal in size while the Jaguars' field backs are definitely better. Don Gardiner, Henry May, Quarterback Nolan Hill are the Jaguars worst enemies, according to Weber. Weber has personally scouted the Warriors and his strategy for paralyzing the Wakefield attack seems to center around the backs, whom he considers dangerous.

Weber refused to let loose any information about his strategy today. It is believed that the Falls Church mentor is hoping for a few good passes, and some hot running by his speedy ace-in-the-hole, Jim McIntyre, to put the Jaguars ahead early in the contest.

McIntyre is a halfback who has gained the respect of the Wakefield scouts by his quick, breakaway type of running. McIntyre is likely to shake himself loose for a touchdown anytime he's on the ball, whether he's on his 20 yard line or the Wakefield three. McIntyre represents Falls Church's one big threat to Wakefield's hopes of stretching its undefeated streak to five wins. He handles the Jaguar punting chores, he can pass from any position, and his running struck fear in the Wakefield coaches' hearts weeks ago.

By comparative scores, Falls Church just might pull off an upset if the local lads get over-confident and careless. The Jaguars beat Mount Vernon High by exactly the same score in which the Warriors turned the trick, 24-6. To the Jaguars, this game is far more important than the Mount Vernon tussle.